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**MINUTES
KAUAI / NIIHAU ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5396 RICE STREET
LIHUE, HAWAII 96766

ATTENDANCE

Members

Mark Hubbard
Barbara Say
Presley Wann

John Kruse
Dee Crowell
Leiana Robinson

Absent

Sandra Quinsaas (Excused)
Henrietta Thaxton (Excused)

Donna A'ana-Nakahara (Excused)

Staff

Nancy McMahon, SHPD Kauai Archaeologist

Guests

Hal Hammatt, CSH
Gerald Ida, CSH
Cheryl Lovell-Obatake

Chris Singleton, Waipouli Beach Resort
Mary Requilman, Kauai Historical Society

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Hubbard at 9:10 am. Chair Hubbard noted for the record all the members of the council who were present and those who were absent.

II. OPENING REMARKS

Chair Hubbard stated that there were no opening remarks.

III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 6, 2006 Meeting Minutes. (Say/Kruse)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Kauai / Niihau Islands Burial Council Meeting

Chair Hubbard stated that the current council meeting date (the first Tuesday of every month) has been difficult for some of the members and there was a suggestion to change the meeting date to the first Wednesday or first Thursday of the month. Chair Hubbard stated that this room is available on the first Thursdays of the month and it has been reserved for the balance of the year.

Motion to set the Kauai / Niihau Islands Burial Council Meetings on the first Thursday of every month. (Wann/Say)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

B. Reburial options for 'iwi stored in SHPD's curation facility

Chair Hubbard stated this is on the agenda because one of the members of the council wanted to see these 'iwi reburied and asked to put this item on the agenda to see how the council can help. Chair Hubbard asked McMahon whether most of the 'iwi in the curation facility are inadvertent discoveries.

McMahon stated that most of the 'iwi are inadvertents. Majority of the remains are pending reburial because they were found during construction projects and the projects are not yet complete. McMahon asked Mary from the Historical Society to discuss the funding options in which the former Chair LaFrance Kapaka-Arbolda was working on to help with reburials. Mary discussed the different options that the burial council has to help with the reburial of 'iwi in the department's collection.

Chair Hubbard asked McMahon about the council's role in reburials. McMahon stated that the department is primarily responsible for reburying the 'iwi. Currently, the department is not properly staffed to take on that kind of project.

Say said that she would like to help ensure that all the 'iwi are reburied. Wann asked what the process is of helping to facilitate a reburial. McMahon said that council members can make recommendations to the department of the appropriate treatment of the reburial of 'iwi. Wann asked if there was a way for council members to get more information about locations of where the 'iwi were found or originated from. McMahon stated that she would have to check with the department's administrator to see what information can be made public knowledge.

(Leiana Robinson enters at 9:25 am.)

Chair Hubbard asked if there was a possibility to get more information on the 'iwi being stored in SHPD's container.

Cheryl Lovell-Obatake shared her mana'o regarding 'iwi on kuleana lands. She asked for clarification regarding notification of inadvertent discoveries and previously identified burials. She would like to see more outreach to descendants when there are inadvertent discoveries. McMahon stated that the department has to respond within a very short timeframe to assess the situation surrounding the inadvertent discovery. Unlike previously identified burials, there is no advertisement in the newspapers regarding inadvertent discoveries because the department has to make a decision within 2-3 days.

**C. Informational update for burial reinterment at the Waipouli Beach Resort
Waipouli Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Kaua'i [TMK: 4-3-08:1]**

Hal Hammatt, CSH, introduced the people involved with this project. He gave an informational update about the burial reinterment which is likely to take place in October 2006. He explained that all the burials found were inadvertent discoveries because they were found during construction of the sewer lines. The burials have already been disinterred and they are ready to be reburied once the project is completed. There will be landscaping in the reburial area such as naupaka and various trees.

Gerald Ida, CSH, explained the archaeological monitoring that was done for this project and shared his own thoughts about the experiences he encountered during the project. He also explained the circumstances surrounding the burials found within the project site. He stated that there will not be any fences around the area so that access will be easy for descendants and it will not draw undue attention.

Cheryl Lovell-Obatake asked if there were artifacts that were found with these burials and what is being done with them. Hammatt stated that the artifacts are being addressed in the preservation plan. Gerald Ida said that all artifacts that were found with the burials are currently being stored

V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES

**A. Stone Property [TMK: 2-8-18: 59]
Weliweli Ahupua'a, Koloa District, Island of Kauai**

McMahon stated that there was an individual found while excavation work was being done for the septic tank on the property. They're still working on the project and there is an archaeological monitor on site. Mary Requilman offered to use her family's cemetery as a reinterment site.

**B. Bothman Property [TMK: 5-3-03:014]
Kalihiwai Ahupuaa, Hanalei District, Island of Kauai**

McMahon stated that remains were inadvertently discovered when they were doing excavation work for a utility pole on the property. The department worked with the archaeologists on-site and determined to preserve the remains in place and relocate the utility pole. However, they will need to do more testing because they may find more remains when they put the utility pole in another spot on the property.

**C. Kealia Beach Park Comfort Station [TMK: 4-7-03:001]
Anahola Ahupuaa, Kawaihau District, Island of Kauai**

McMahon stated that there was a disturbed burial found while doing excavation work for the Kealia Beach Park Comfort Station. The City & County have proposed that all the sand in that area will be excavated to put in the restroom.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting. (Say/Kruse)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pi'ilani Chang, SHPD Cultural Historian